Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (withdrawn) A packaged product for an ink-jet recording material which has a protective sheet for protecting the surface of the outermost ink-receptive layer of the ink-jet recording material, wherein a protective paper sheet in which a difference between the pH of its surface which makes contact with the surface of the outermost ink-receptive layer and the pH of the surface of the ink-receptive layer is 1.5 or smaller is used as the protective sheet.

Claim 2. (withdrawn) The packaged product of claim 1, wherein the pH of the surface of the ink-receptive layer of the ink-jet recording material is 3 to 6.

Claim 3. (withdrawn) The packaged product of claim 1, wherein the ink-receptive layer of the ink-jet recording material contains inorganic fine particles as a main component.

Claim 4. (withdrawn) The packaged product of claim 3, wherein the inorganic fine particles are silica synthesized by a gas-phase method.

Claim 5. (withdrawn) The packaged product of claim 2, wherein the ink-receptive layer of the ink-jet recording material contains inorganic fine particles as a main component.

Claim 6. (withdrawn) The packaged product of claim 5, wherein the inorganic fine particles are silica synthesized by a gas-phase method.

Claim 7. (currently amended) A packaged product for an ink-jet recording material which has a protective sheet for protecting ~~the~~ a surface of ~~the~~ an outermost ink-receptive layer of the ink-jet recording material, wherein a protective paper sheet whose surface which makes contact with the surface of the outermost ink-receptive layer has been made water-resistant or a protective plastic sheet is used as the protective sheet, and a surface pH of the ink-receptive layer is 3 to 6.

Claim 8. (cancelled) The packaged product of claim 7, wherein the pH of the surface of the ink-receptive layer of the ink-jet recording material is 3 to 6.

Claim 9. (original) The packaged product of claim 7, wherein the ink-receptive layer of the ink-jet recording material contains inorganic fine particles as a main component.

Claim 10. (original) The package of material claim 9, wherein the inorganic fine particles are silica synthesized by a gas-phase method.

Claim 11. (original) The packaged product of claim 8, wherein the ink-receptive layer of the ink-jet recording material contains inorganic fine particles as a main component.

Claim 12. (original) The package of material claim 11, wherein the inorganic fine particles are silica synthesized by a gas-phase method.

Claim 13. (withdrawn) A recording method which causes an ink composition to adhere to a recording medium so as to conduct printing on the recording medium, wherein the ink-jet recording material of claim 1 is used as the recording medium..

Claim 14. (withdrawn) A recorded material on which printing has been conducted by the recording method of claim 13.

Claim 15. (withdrawn) An ink-jet recording method which sprays droplets of an ink composition and causes the droplets to adhere to a recording medium so as to conduct printing on the recording medium, wherein the ink-jet recording material of claim 1 is used as the recording medium.

Claim 16. (withdrawn) A recorded material on which printing has been conducted by the recording method of claim 15.

Claim 17. (previously presented) A recording method which causes an ink composition to adhere to a recording medium so as to conduct printing on the recording medium, wherein the ink-jet recording material of claim 7 is used as the recording medium..

Claim 18. (previously presented) A recording material on which printing has been conducted by the recording method of claim 17.

Claim 19. (previously presented) An ink-jet recording method which sprays droplets of an ink composition and causes the droplets to adhere to a recording medium so as to conduct printing on the recording medium, wherein the ink-jet recording material of claim 7 is used as the recording medium.

B2 Claim 20. (previously presented) A recording material on which printing has been conducted by the recording method of claim 19.

Claim 21. (new) The packaged product of claim 7, wherein the surface pH of the ink-receptive layer is 3 to 5.

Claim 22. (new) The packaged product of claim 7, wherein the surface pH of the ink-receptive layer is 3.5 to 4.5.